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Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" May I know when he came to Madras ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I have no information."

Motor Vehicles Act

Status and pay of bus inspectors.

* 198 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to place before the House a statement showing the number, status, pay or income of officers performing the function of inspectors of buses in the Madras City, and in various other places in the Presidency and the receipts of fees for inspection, for the year ending 30th June 1928 ?

A.—Information is not readily available and is being collected. When complete, the statement will be placed on the table.

Motor-car accidents in the Presidency.

* 199 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased—

(*a*) to place before the House a statement of motor-car and motor-bus accidents in the several districts of this Presidency resulting in deaths of human beings and grievous hurt to them during the six months ending 30th June 1928 ; and

(*b*) to state what steps Government have taken or contemplate taking to reduce such accidents ?

A.—(*a*) The information is not available.

(*b*) Government of their own motion and on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Police and District Magistrates are amending the Motor Vehicles Rules so as to prevent accidents as far as possible.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I enquire as to why the Government did not keep a register of deaths due to serious accidents ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" The reason is obvious. The Government did not think it worth while to collect statistics of deaths caused on account of bus accidents all over the Presidency."

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" Do not Government think it their duty to have a record of human beings lost in such accidents ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" This information is available at the headquarters of the districts."

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" Did not the Government send for this information before they prepared this answer ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I did not think it an important matter."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" Is there no rule that all deaths arising out of accidents should be reported to the Government ? "